

**Town of Barrington
Tax Assessor's Office
283 County Road
Barrington, RI 02806**

January 26, 2010

Town Council Members

In Re: Monthly Report – January 2010

Dear Council Members

January is usually the start of the busy season for the Tax Assessor's Office. The Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles has sent us our yearly download of all motor vehicles (trucks, motorcycles, motor homes, etc.) that were registered in the Town of Barrington during calendar year 2009. In my assessing experience in both Barrington and East Providence, this is the earliest the State has ever sent this information, which will allow this office sufficient time to adequately review the information. Given the State's ongoing budgetary issues, it is again unknown if the State will continue with the automobile phase-out (which last year took up to \$6,000 off of the assessed value of a resident's motor vehicles). Should the State discontinue this program, some residents will receive excise bills for the first time for vehicles they may have owned for many many years.

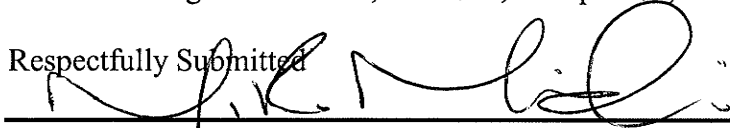
Personal Property returns have been mailed to all the businesses listed in the Town of Barrington, along with all leasing companies that do business in Barrington. These returns are supposed to be returned to this office by January 31, 2010 (or a request for an extension by that date). These returns aid the Assessor's Office in properly assessing personal property in Barrington.

Rental requests have been requested and received from both Gatehouse Management (Barrington Cove Apartments) and East Bay Community Development Corporation (Sweetbriar) as these are the two developments in Town that have their tax bills based on a percentage of their gross rental income.

The State of Rhode Island has published the "Tax Assessor's Notice" in the Providence Journal, and we have posted this notice in four places around town. This notice states when and where the True & Exact Accounting is supposed to be submitted. This accounting is supposed to be submitted by every person and/or business in Town that has taxable property.

Those receiving the Circuit Breaker Exemption have started bringing in their financial statements to see if they still qualify for said exemption. The Circuit Breaker Exemption can be applied for by residents 65 years or older that have gross income less than \$28,000. The exemption ranges from \$525 for those seniors making between \$24,000 - \$28,000 up to \$1,500 with incomes less than \$16,000.

Respectfully Submitted



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**2010
TAX ASSESSOR'S NOTICE**

WHEREAS, THE TAX ASSESSORS OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND ARE DIRECTED BY THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 44, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 15 OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF RHODE ISLAND 1956, TO ASSESS ANNUALLY THE VALUATION OF ALL RATABLE PROPERTY OF THEIR SAID CITY OR TOWN, AND TO MAKE SUCH ASSESSMENT OF VALUATIONS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009 AT TWELVE O'CLOCK MIDNIGHT

NOW, THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 44, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 15 OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF RHODE ISLAND 1956, AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE LAW IN RELATION TO THE ASSESSMENT OF VALUATION, EVERY PERSON AND BODY CORPORATE LIABLE FOR TAXATION IS REQUIRED TO BRING IN TO THE ASSESSOR A TRUE AND EXACT ACCOUNT OF ALL RATABLE PROPERTY OWNED OR POSSESSED BY THEM, DESCRIBING AND SPECIFYING THE VALUE OF EVERY PARCEL OF SUCH REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL ESTATE.

SUCH ACCOUNTS MUST BE FILED WITH THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE IN THE CITY OR TOWN HALL IN SAID CITY OR TOWN OF PROPERTY LOCATION BETWEEN JANUARY 2, 2010 AND JANUARY 31, 2010 DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS (EXCLUDING WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS).

"PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF ANY PERSON OR BODY CORPORATE LIABLE TO TAXATION SHALL FILE WITH THE ASSESSOR ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2009 A WRITTEN NOTICE OF THEIR INTENTION TO BRING IN AN ACCOUNT SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN FILED WITH THE ASSESSOR IF THE SAME SHALL BE SENT BY REGISTERED MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID, POSTMARKED BEFORE TWELVE O'CLOCK MIDNIGHT OF THE LAST DAY OF WHICH ACCOUNTS MAY BE BROUGHT IN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS HEREOF; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, IN CASE ANY SUCH PERSON OR BODY CORPORATE SHALL FAIL TO FILE ANY INTENTION AS FORESAID, THEY SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE WAIVED THEIR RIGHT TO FILE SUCH ACCOUNT."

GENERAL LAWS OF RHODE ISLAND 1956, TITLE 44, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 16 EVERY PERSON BRINGING IN SUCH ACCOUNT SHALL MAKE OATH BEFORE SOME NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS IN THE PLACE WHERE SUCH OATH IS ADMINISTERED THAT THE ACCOUNT BY THEM EXHIBITED CONTAINS TO THE BEST OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, A TRUE AND EXACT ACCOUNT AND VALUATION OF ALL RATABLE ESTATE OWNED OR POSSESSED BY THEM; AND WHOEVER NEGLECTS OR REFUSES TO BRING IN SUCH ACCOUNT, IF OVER TAXED, SHALL HAVE NO REMEDY THEREFORE, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 44-4-14, 44-4-15, 44-5-26 TO 44-5-31, INCLUSIVE AND 44-9-19 TO 44-9-24. INCLUSIVE AS THE SAME MAY HAVE BEEN AMENDED.

ALL PERSONS ENTITLED TO EXEMPTIONS FROM TAXATION AS PROVIDED BY TITLE 44, CHAPTER 3, SECTIONS 4, 5, AND 12 AND TITLE 30, CHAPTER 22, SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, AND 4 OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF RHODE ISLAND, AS AMENDED, OR BY SPECIAL LOCAL ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS AND VETERANS EXEMPTION, SHALL PRESENT TO THE ASSESSOR DUE EVIDENCE THAT THEY ARE SO ENTITLED TO SUCH EXEMPTION ON OR BEFORE THE LOCAL COMMUNITY'S REQUIRED FILING DATE.

EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, GUARDIANS, AND TRUSTEES ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ALL THE FOREGOING APPLIES TO THEM AND TO TRUST ESTATES AS WELL AS TO OTHER PERSONS AND PROPERTY.